

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-2, 9-11, 18 and 20-21 have been amended. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration. Claim 10 is allowed.

As a preliminary matter, an interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative on May 18, 2007. The Examiner is thanked for her time. In the interview, the Examiner suggested amending the claims to further clarify the headband as a continuous loop, in order to more clearly define over the cited references. The independent claims have been amended herein in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is overcome by the present amendments.

The rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 102 are overcome by the present amendments, as discussed above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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